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PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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CNG Filling Stations
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any policy to promote the use of CNG and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government has any plan to start the CNG operated two wheeler in the country and if so, the details thereof;
(c) the number of CNG and LPG filling stations set up in the country, State/UT-wise;
(d) the number of new CNG and LPG filling stations proposed to be set up in the next two years in the country along with the target fixed, if any and achievements made by the Government in this regard, State/UT-wise;
(e) whether the number of CNG and LPG filling stations in the country are sufficient to meet the increasing demand for vehicles and if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
(f) whether the Government proposes to set up more CNG Pumps through CNG allocated by GAIL in Gujarat including at the religious places in the State and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
(a) to (f): Government has established Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) under the PNGRB Act, 2006, in the year 2007. PNGRB is the statutory authority to grant authorization for the development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) network which includes setting up of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) stations. PNGRB identifies the Geographical Areas (GAs) for the development of CGD network depending on the natural gas pipeline connectivity/natural gas availability and feasibility for grant of authorization to develop CGD network in the country. PNGRB grants the authorization to the entities for developing CGD network through competitive bidding process.
The Government has taken following steps to promote the use of CNG consumption:
(i) MoP&NG has framed policy guidelines to supply domestic gas to the CGD entities. The domestic gas is being supplied to meet entire requirement of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) (Transport) and domestic PNG segments based on last six monthly consumption data by the respective CGD networks.
(ii) Ministry has set a target in GAIL's MoU for 2017-18 and urged other Oil Public Sector undertakings (PSUs) to fix a target for setting up CNG stations through their Joint Venture Companies/Subsidiaries.
(iii) Government has set a target to Oil and Gas Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) to achieve one crore PNG connections by 2019.
(iv) The Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) has issued advisory to the State Governments to speed up of CNG/PNG infrastructure.
(v) The Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoLE) has declared CGD network as a "Public Utility" under the Industrial Dispute Act, 1947.
(vi) The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has issued guidelines to allow the development of PNG network into its establishments across the country.
The Government has launched a pilot programme to run two wheelers on Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) in Delhi with CGD Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL).
The total number of CNG stations State/UT wise in the country is at Annexure-I and there are 1175 LPG Filling Stations out of which 677 are being operated by Oil Marketing Companies. The details of these 677 stations are at Annexure-II.
Government has set a target of 120 CNG stations to be set up by GAIL in the financial year 2017-18. State/UT-wise details of the CNG stations proposed to be set up by GAIL City Gas Distribution Joint Venture Companies/Subsidiaries in the current financial year and the achievement against target till June 2017 is at Annexure-III. The number of new LPG filling stations proposed to be set up in the next two years in the country is at Annexure-IV.
CNG/LPG stations are set up to cater to the fuel requirement of CNG/LPG vehicles. The number of CNG and LPG stations is 1237 and 1175 as on 31-05-2017 and 01-07-2017 respectively. In Gujarat 397 CNG stations have been set up by different authorized CGD entities. As the demand increases, new stations are added by the concerned CGD entities based on techno-commercial viability.
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